



*Clifton - On - Sea And District
Bungalow Owners' Association*

(Clifton, Glen Beach & Bakoven)

MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 21 April 2021 via Zoom at 18h00

- 1. Welcome** – Welcome – Steve Gordon and Nele Vermaak as co-chairpersons
Apologies – Natalie Oakley
 - Six (6) apologies noted
- 2. Nomination & Election of Office Bearers**
- 3. Notice & Quorum**
- 4. Adoption of Previous Minutes** – 14 September 2020
 - Proposed by Billy Gundelfinger - Seconder Jason Kampel
- 5. Nicola Jowell Ward Councilor Ward 54**
 - a. Guest Speaker

Nicola Jowell:

- Must just open with the fact that the recent fire in Newlands, Rhodes Memorial, UCT area has been intense over the last few days
- Fire crew in the city have done a phenomenal job
- SANParks have hired an independent investigator
- City & SANParks have met earlier this afternoon
- One of the worst fires we have had
- Level of resources that the City was able to arrange together - 23 Fire engines and not including water tanks and other specialized fire tankers was incredible
- Smoothly run operation at Roeland and Sea Point fire stations from a logistical point of view

No questions noted from the floor for Councilor Nicola Jowell

Steve Gordon:

- The Association has an ongoing rapport with Nicola Jowell
- Matter of influx of homeless in the area of Glen Beach is of concern
- Fire in Glen Beach recently within camps of homeless in the Glen Beach vicinity

- Notwithstanding empathy for the homeless there are major issues there such as the safety of our community
- Other matters such as Law Enforcement, Cleansing and Environmental issues have been addressed with the Ward councilor
- Always find the ward councilor a pleasure to deal with

Nicola Jowell:

- Situation around Glen Beach has got substantially worse because the City have finally bricked in the area behind the pump station at Camps Bay Beach
- Now seem to displace to another area i.e., moved from Camps Bay to Glen Beach
- Displaced Persons Unit has done an operation and written to Law Enforcement to do a small operation in-between the large ones
- Do not get large operations often enough not unfortunately and this is not from lack of trying
- When lock down ends, the CoCT can do more effective work due to legislations changing and will have not one team but 25 teams
- Intolerable situations at present please be ensured the CoCT is working with Displaced Persons Unit, Law Enforcement and Social Development on a regular basis
- Solid Waste are doing more interventions in Glen Beach/Maidens Cove area
- Thank you to committee and to Natalie who has a handle on issues
- Due to continual pressure placed on the issue with the pump they prioritized replacement of Clifton Pump instead of other areas
- Pump Station at 4th Beach still requires a more suitable overflow receptacle rather than on to the pathway / beach
- Refuse – Clifton area done by a contractor so spared by a lot of the issues that the city had with the vehicles during lockdown
- With regards to the Law Enforcement issue, one Law Enforcement officer was an anomaly not the norm.
- Executive director said there was no more overtime, but this was brought to his attention on that very next Monday.
- Has not reoccurred again but the difference between Law Enforcement and SAPS is that SAPS must be called upon as custodians of public safety
- Any criminal activity please report to SAPS, if SAPS can affect arrest that's the only way we can see positive movement
- Mast been referred to environmental management, agreed not ideal and collectively with owner of the mast and HWC we can get a better look.

Nele Vermaak:

- Dean Westmore had an incident today (tenant number 1 Glen Beach)
- Possible site meeting to be setup with Nicola Jowell, Law Enforcement and SAPS at the Glen Beach / Maidens cove site.

Rob Farrell: (resident) – any update on proposed development on Maidens Cove?

Nele Vermaak:

- No update and no proposed update at present

Nicola Jowell:

- Had a meeting about a year ago, whether it is a discussion to re-open. Nothing on the agenda about it.
- Would like to move on proposing a rejuvenation of the space in Maidens Cove.

6. Chairperson's Report – Steve Gordon

Steve Gordon

- Installation of a second sewage pump was underway at Fourth Beach.
- Not the most exciting enhancement to open a Chairperson's report, but an essential for us, and for all beach goers.
- I use the humble example, as the recurring overflow onto the beach was reported by our community and addressed with the City and our Ward Councillor and it is primarily on essentials such as this that we have retained focus during this strange year of Covid.
- It is a full year since the Committee has met in person. As we do this evening, we have met remotely and online, rather than as a group. I must add that two of our committee members contracted the virus, and we are thankful that they have returned to good health.
- Covid has impacted our lives and many lives. To summarize some of the direct impacts which we have experienced:
 - The Beaches were off limits for much of 2020, a factor which reduced the scale at which "season" impacted on residents, until restrictions were eased early in 2021.
 - The same is true of events – with large scale events prohibited under the Disaster Act, applications have been limited to one or two aquatic activities, of minimal impact.
 - On the building and development front, several projects have been delayed, and the number of planning applications presented to BOA for comment was less than usual during the year to date.
 - Covid has also placed additional burdens on the City, and the available resources to serve the Bungalow Areas. This have been notable disruptions experienced in areas ranging refuse collection, through to the scale of Law Enforcement presence. Even when beach usage resumed in late January, staffing was extremely limited, at times only one Law Enforcement Officer present.
 - We have kept up the pressure in appropriate forums, motivating, pushing and nudging. As we move beyond the first year of covid, we need to ensure that services do not default to a lower level of delivery.
 - A tragic consequence of Covid has been an increased influx of homeless people seeking shelter in the area, particularly adjacent to Glen Beach, and in the bushes between Victoria and Lower Kloof Roads. We have maintained close contact with the City in this regard and - continue to do so.
- The Association believes that in all areas of work, we will need to continue to be proactive, and ask for our community to prompt and cue us. We need the eyes and ears, and we need your support as we navigate these difficult and challenging times.

- By way of taking initiative, the committee is engaged with a programme to upgrade and “beautify” areas of public open space. The model requires input (cash or kind!) from residents in the immediate vicinity of the work. Our “pilot” is at the top of Iphengwini steps at three and a half beaches, Clifton.
- In closing, we would like to thank Warren Chapman, our Treasurer, who has resigned after serving for several years on the BOA Committee. I would also like to thank Natalie Oakley, our secretary, and of course the members of the Committee.

7. Treasurer’s Report – Amy Zietsman

a. Questions & Approval

Amy Zietsman

- Income statement last year’s AGM held in September which delayed Subs collections
- Income of R235k with operating expenses of R192k
- Operating expenses comprise of secretarial salary and minor expenses
- The subscription fees will remain unchanged this year at R3200 for Clifton, R2500 for Glen Beach and R2500 Bakoven.

Report Adopted by Billy Gundelfinger

Seconded Nele Vermaak

8. Closure

Steve Gordon

Bungalow Owners Association hopes to play our part in addressing the challenges in Glen Beach and thanks Bungalow Owners/Tenants for attending